

Release Julian Assange & drop all charges
Medical & Human Rights grounds require URGENT Action NOW

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Dear Caroline,

As Orwell put it: *"in a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act"*.

Abuses of Julian Assange by the US and UK governments is a *"truth"* that falls into two broad categories.

Either category on its own forms the backbone of robust water tight grounds to demand that Julian is immediately released and all charges dropped:-

- 1) Human Rights abuse and Medical abuse (full details below):
 - i) FIRST GROUND: Julian is being tortured and kept in solitary confinement in UK custody (which is illegal);
 - ii) SECOND GROUND: Julian has Asperger's syndrome (10x greater suicide risk).
- 2) Legal abuse and Political abuse (details below).

Please try to understand that *"truth"* has been obscured with your appeal to a *"different perspective"* to justify no further public action beyond signing EDM #719. Reporters Without Borders' *"call on the UK government to release Mr Assange without further delay"* is unspoken in EDM #719, which only *"affirms its commitment to press freedom"* (14 July 2020). Whilst a very welcome first step, your signing it doesn't *"tell"* ALL *"the truth"*. [1]

So I invite you to now focus on the Human Rights abuse and Medical abuse grounds (full details below), as heard into evidence at September's hearing. These grounds leave no credible reason for any MP to not immediately and PUBLICLY demand Julian is released and all charges dropped on the Human Rights abuse and Medical abuse grounds alone.

Remember Julian has committed no crimes, as heard into evidence by multiple witnesses. His prosecution is not a 'shades of grey' or an 'all opinions are valid' issue : the *"truth"* is that either you want him immediately released and all extradition proceedings dropped, and are prepared to say so PUBLICLY to help him be with his family : or you want him dead and forgotten about.

Please therefore quickly expedite and lead the following two *"revolutionary actions"* that will enable MPs to share the huge responsibility and political weight of acting to stop the self evident collapse of the rule of law being caused by the Assange extradition hearing, [2] [3] [4] by as a first step calling for its immediate termination on Human Rights abuse and Medical abuse grounds and the release of Julian back to his family :-

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We must *"fight back against the dehumanizing values that are handed down"*
by the *"least amongst us"* ~ Terence McKenna.

FIRST ACTION: Please sponsor and publish a new EDM using the Medical and Human Rights abuses grounds (outlined here below) to specifically call on the *"Government to ensure that Mr Assange is released"* as for example last sessions EDM #2746 *"On-going incarceration of Julian Assange"* (30 September 2019) signed by Grahame Morris MP, called for, and invite all the MPs copied here to be the first to sign it too.

SECOND ACTION: Please ask Cheryl Gillan MP, Chair of the The All Party Parliamentary Group on Autism to invite the National Autistic Society to publicly join 117 psychiatrists and sign their open letter declaring that Julian would not survive trial and imprisonment in the U.S. and DEMAND *"government policy"* be urgently *"changed"* by immediately dropping all extradition charges and release Julian to his family. [5]

By expediting the above two actions you will have refused to admit unspoken yet further sadistic torture of Julian, his ongoing forced custody, sedated by drugs, denied meaningful contact with other humans, and being physically deprived of the means of suicide to ensure he endures years of torture in a windowless dungeon too small to lie down in. [6]

Your further task therefore – and that of all MPs – is to continue to restore faith in politicians by further publicly rejecting these *"dehumanizing values"* and *"tell the truth"* by joining 4 MPs - so far - out of 650: Grahame Morris (EDM #2746), and Jeremy Corbyn, John McDonnell, and Kenneth MacAskill who decided sub-judice laws do not apply in condemning September's Old Bailey hearing: *"a political crucifixion not legal process and is about seeking to bury truth and those exposing it."* They joined a global movement of practically every relevant NGO and numerous political leaders past and present, in support of the 14 August 2020 open letter to the UK Government, from Lawyers for Assange. [7]

"Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves. Like it or not, for the moment, the earth is where we make our stand. There is perhaps no better demonstration of folly of human conceits, than this distant image of our tiny world. It underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known." ~ Carl Sagan [8]

Caroline, please help us rise above the *"dehumanizing values"* of the *"least amongst us"* [9] in their efforts to hide, by *"political crucifixion"* their own guilt of torture and war crimes, on our shared *"mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam"*, without blindness to the *"sunlight"* on these *"dark secrets"* gifted to us by Julian, one of Asperger's brightest ever stars. [10]

Thank you.

Regards,

Natasha Thoday [*]

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FIRST GROUND: During the hearing we heard into evidence the horrific truth that there is an ongoing UK government conspiracy to cover-up illegal solitary confinement of Julian by doctors in Belmarsh prison. They broke their Hippocratic oath, perverted their professional duty of care, ignored UK health care regulations, and falsified records to conceal that much of this year they have been secretly incarcerating Julian in solitary confinement – where he remains until judgment day 4 January 2021 – under the guise of *"healthcare"* that will certainly cause his overall health to continue to *"significantly worsen"*. [11]

SECOND GROUND: Julian's has Asperger's syndrome which comes with up to TEN times higher suicide risk than neurotypical people. Julian will be triggered to kill himself by the relentless psychological torture and unjust cruelty of solitary confinement, and be plagued by obsessive thoughts driven by a need to systemise and rationalise the lunatic-asylum world around him riddled with deep contradictions and overwhelming deceit:-

"a high index of suspicion is warranted in evaluating suicidal risk in patients affected by ASDs whatever their age, psychiatric co-morbidity, and setting of visit."
(Asperger's is an ASD, Autistic Spectrum Disorder). [12]

Giving evidence this week at what he called a *"Stalinist trial"*, [13] multi award winning investigative journalist John Pilger said that Julian had told him years ago that:

"Transparency and accountability are MORAL issues that must be the essence of public life and journalism."

A highly developed 'moral compass' is frequently seen in people with Asperger's syndrome who tend to focus on the outcomes of situations, rather than the intentions of the people in those situations. [14] Pilger noted that:-

*"I had never heard a publisher or an editor invoke morality in this way" Julian
"believes journalists are the agents of people, not power: that we, the people,
have a right to know the darkest secrets of those who claim to act in our name."*

The National Autistic Society (NAS) provide secretariat for 'The All Party Parliamentary Group on Autism' (APPGA) chaired by Cheryl Gillan MP, together they aim *"to push autism up the agenda in Parliament"* and *"to campaign for changes to government policy to benefit autistic people and Asperger syndrome."* [15]

British case law already requires the denial of Julian's extradition on health grounds. The appeal court found in 2018 that sending Lauri Love, who also has Asperger's syndrome, and was accused of *"breaching thousands of computer systems in the United States and elsewhere,"* back to the U.S. for trial would so harm his mental health that he had to remain in Britain. Julian is being driven to suicide by UK *"government policy"* of illegally imprisoning him. [16]

NAS and APPGA will know the huge negative impacts on the mental health of people with Asperger's like Julian having his 'moral compass' obliterated by the Guardian's betrayal of his trust when they led a decade long campaign to systematically assassinate his

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character, publishing hundreds of articles all based on provable groundless lies and deceit, relentlessly regurgitated by global mainstream media outlets. [6] [17] Why? Before they'd celebrated Wikileaks and profited from what they called *"the greatest scoop of the last 30 years"* by publishing *"darkest secrets"* bravely leaked in whistleblowers' videos and documents that Julian had worked harder than any to redact to protect informants from reprisals, before passing any of it onto them, such as the BBC, NYT, Washington Post, etc. (with the US admitting in evidence that Wikileaks has caused zero people to be put in danger). Now with the *"trial of the century"* unfolding all these outlets are silent, when the fact is that *"all whistleblowers and journalism itself, not just Assange, is on trial here."* [18]

Julian's 'moral compass' will further be driven to explode processing the fact, that by imprisoning and torturing him, following being physically dragged out of political asylum in April 2019 in blatant violations of international law, the UK are joining Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, and Tunisia with a repeated, known pattern of governments mis-enforcing computer crime law – none of which Julian has broken as heard repeatedly into evidence – selectively and purposely in order to punish dissenting voices, including journalists. Journalism is not a crime, and journalism practiced with a computer is not a cyber-crime, no matter how much U.S. prosecutors might wish it were. [19]

As Patrick Cockburn, Old Bailey witness and award-winning Independent columnist who specialises in analysis of Iraq, Syria and wars in the Middle East, and one of the few journalists to demand Julian be released and extradition charges dropped, put it:-

"We are at a crucial tipping point which will tell if Britain and the US go further down the same path towards "illiberal democracy" as Turkey, Hungary, Brazil, India and the Philippines. What Assange and WikiLeaks did – obtaining important information about the deeds and misdeeds of the US government and giving that information to the public – is exactly what all journalists ought to do." [18]

In face of this desertion by UK authorities and groundless witch hunt by global media, between now and 4 January, Julian faces a terrifying new kind of extraordinary rendition – one conducted not covertly by US security services but with the consent of the British judiciary, the silence of the UK parliament, and the utterly disgusting desertion by his country of citizenship Australia. Julian's highly developed 'moral compass' risks drowning in a bedlam of conflicts of being betrayed and abandoned by the rest of humanity, incarcerated, subjected to mental asphyxia, in total isolation from meaningful human contact, primed to self-destruct knowing the full horror that he has been set up to die a slow invisible lonely agonising death.

Who would not yield to the cumulative psychological torture described above and be driven to suicide waiting for extradition to a US torture chamber for 175 years?

With respect to the Legal abuse grounds: The moral abominations witnessed at the Old Bailey are a watershed in the collapse of democracy and the descent of western imperialism into abject criminality. Scarcely a single legal or democratic principle or basic human right is left standing by the US and UK government's unprecedented reach to demolish the rule of law / democratic contract established following WW2. [2] [3] [4] [7] [23]

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With respect to the Political abuse grounds: The fact is that *“all whistleblowers and journalism itself, not just Assange, is on trial here”* and Julian has done *“exactly what all journalists ought to do.”* [18] A precedent is being set that allows the US to seize and jail any journalist globally who exposes its crimes, that will have a severe chilling effect on all journalists investigating the world’s only super-power. It will not only be the death of journalism’s already enfeebled role as a watchdog on power, but a death blow against our societies’ commitment to the principles of freedom and openness. [20]

As Noam Chomsky put it at the Old Bailey, Julian's Wikileaks *“sunlight”* has shown us we are *“led by the least among us”* in a system of government run by the most unscrupulous, dysfunctional, and *“least”* qualified. Who've poured their life's energy into having the highest degree of influence over everyone else, rather than personal maturity and healing, so they can unleash their misery and dysfunction on as many people as possible. Julian exposed the *“darkest secrets”* of his prosecutors, the US government and its allies as patent serial war criminals *“the least among us”* none of whom have been prosecuted. Not for torture in Guantanamo. Nor for destabilising & radicalising Afghanistan and the Middle East as part of their battle for control of oil in Iraq & Libya to feed the US military, the worlds single largest institutional consumer of the fuel of the global economy. [21] Nor for displacing 48 million & killing 3 million people in the bogus *“war on terror”*. [22]

Notes:-

[1] Beginning 10 March this year I sent Caroline Lucas the first of 8 emails, urging her to speak out PUBLICLY to DEMAND the release of Julian Assange and drop all charges. In her most recent reply on 2 October she cites a *“different perspective on what I should or shouldn't be doing to support his case”* as reason to go no further than EDM #719.

<https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/57256/julian-assange-press-freedom-and-publicinterest-journalism>

[2] Rebecca Vincent of Reporters Without Borders (the author of the 'release Assange' letter EDM #719 asks MPs to support without saying 'release Assange' in its text) described the hearing as:-

<https://www.thecanary.co/opinion/2020/10/03/journalism-on-trial-an-eyewitness-account-of-julian-assanges-extradition-hearing/>

“by far the most difficult to monitor of any case that I've ever monitored in any country. I'm not exaggerating when I say I have felt more welcome, respected, and able to do my job as an NGO observer in more professional conditions at a prison campus in Turkey than I have at Woolwich Crown Court or the Old Bailey Court in London. I am embarrassed for my country.”

[3] <https://whowhatwhy.org/2020/10/12/the-white-house-vs-wikileaks-first-they-came-for-assange/>

[4] Its clear the extradition hearing is illegitimate under its own terms of proceedings alone. In one of many examples, according to evidence the court heard about itself in September, the US for years spied on Julian and his lawyers in the Ecuadorian embassy destroying 'legal privilege' a fundamental principle of due legal process. Let alone they also planed to poison and kidnap him. In a civilised world under the rule of law Julian would be free and the case immediately dismissed. That it hasn't exposes the US government's obvious political motivations, which are grounds explicitly barred – as a matter of UK parliamentary intent – under the UK - US extradition treaty.

<https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/53306/ongoing-incarceration-of-julian-assange>

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<https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/10/12/the-tortured-trial-of-julian-assange/>

[5] <https://duckduckgo.com/?t=ffab&q=117+psychiatrists+Assange+letter&ia=web>
<https://theintercept.com/2020/10/06/julian-assange-trial-extradition/>

[6] The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe have all spoken out for Julian Assange:
<https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/05/1039581>

"In the course of the past nine years, Mr. Assange has been exposed to persistent, progressively severe abuse ranging from systematic judicial persecution and arbitrary confinement in the Ecuadorian embassy, to his oppressive isolation, harassment and surveillance inside the embassy, and from deliberate collective ridicule, insults and humiliation, to open instigation of violence and even repeated calls for his assassination."

The International Criminal Court in Hague was sent the above UN evidence on 4 August this year, petitioning it to begin investigating alleged Crimes Against Humanity, on behalf of (now) over half a million signatories that form one of the largest petitions tabled in the history of the Australian Parliament (since 1901).

<https://www.change.org/p/free-julian-assange-before-it-s-too-late-stop-usa-extradition>

"Instances of state sponsored psychological torture have been determined as occurring in London U.K. by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. This determination was established after assessment of Julian Assange by way of the Istanbul Protocol by a team of specialised medical experts."

[7] The Independent international legal observers of these proceedings.
<https://consortiumnews.com/2020/09/20/they-cal-for-assanges-immediate-release-lula-rouseff-zapatero-corbyn-correa-paul-galloway-gravel-varoufakis/>

[8] The Pale Blue Dot "*a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam*" is the most distant photo of planet earth, taken 6 billion kilometres away in space, by Voyager I probe in 1990 at the request of Carl Sagan who convinced NASA the photo would show us "*our place in the universe*".
<https://www.freexenon.com/2019/06/09/carl-sagan-and-his-famous-pale-blue-dot-speech/>

[9] Perhaps the defining unspoken truth is that to put an end to these "*dehumanizing values*" in future we must do better than let the "*least*" be elected again and start campaigning for 'None of Above' until all candidates who would put themselves up for public vote, voluntary publish a professionally prepared independent 'Hare-Cleckley' (or similar) psychopath test?
<https://www.votenone.org.uk/index.html>
<https://sites.google.com/site/flagenglish/why-we-should-psych-test-political-candidates---psychopath-test-all-policymakers>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psychopathy_Checklist
<https://empathysurplus.wordpress.com/2012/07/25/how-will-the-99-deal-with-70-million-psychopaths/>

[10] <https://www.yourlittleprofessor.com/the-benefits-of-aspergers-syndrome/>

[11] <https://www.craigmurray.org.uk/archives/2020/09/your-man-in-the-public-gallery-assange-hearing-day-17/>

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- [12] <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3089029/>
- [13] <http://johnpilger.com/articles/the-stalinist-trial-of-julian-assange-whose-side-are-you-on->
- [14] <https://www.spectrumnews.org/news/mind-blindness-affects-moral-reasoning-in-autism/>
- [15] <https://www.autism.org.uk/what-we-do/campaign/england/how-we-work-with-parliament/all-party-parliamentary-group>
- [16] <http://www.richardhartley.com/2018/02/hacking-suspect-lauri-love-wins-appeal-against-extradition-to-us/>
- [17] <https://www.unz.com/jcook/the-guardians-deceit-riddled-new-statement-betrays-both-julian-assange-and-journalism/>
<https://theguardian.fivefilters.org/assange/>
<https://fair.org/home/julian-assange-press-shows-little-interest-in-media-trial-of-century/>
<https://www.medialens.org/2020/none-of-it-reported-how-corporate-media-buried-the-assange-trial/>
- [18] Patrick Cockburn, Old Bailey witness, and one of the few journalists to demand Julian be released and extradition charges dropped.
<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/julian-assange-trial-extradition-us-trump-wikileaks-press-freedom-b747774.html>
<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/julian-assange-wikileaks-extradition-prison-trump-chelsea-manning-a9351246.html>
- [19] <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2020/10/selective-prosecution-julian-assange>
- [20] <https://www.jonathan-cook.net/blog/2020-10-06/monbiot-guardian-assange/>
- [21] *"The Pentagon would be the world's 55th largest CO2 emitter if it was a country."*
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/niallmccarthy/2019/06/13/report-the-u-s-military-emits-more-co2-than-many-industrialized-nations-infographic/#4be666d74372>
- [22] According to the Global Terrorism Index, there has been a five fold increase in fatalities in attacks associated with terrorism since 9/11.
<http://visionofhumanity.org/#/page/indexes/terrorism-index>
<http://www.worldfuturefund.org/Reports/Imperialism/usmurder.html>
https://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/files/cow/imce/papers/2020/Displacement_Vine%20et%20al_Costs%20of%20War%202020%2009%2008.pdf
- [23] As documented in these summaries and analysis of the entire hearing:-
<https://consortiumnews.com/2020/10/02/john-pilger-eyewitness-to-the-agony-of-julian-assange/>
<https://consortiumnews.com/2020/09/28/letter-from-london-the-surreal-us-case-against-assange/>
<https://www.medialens.org/2020/none-of-it-reported-how-corporate-media-buried-the-assange-trial/>
<https://whowhatwhy.org/2020/10/12/the-white-house-vs-wikileaks-first-they-came-for-assange/>
<https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO2010/S00104/julian-assanges-extradition-hearing-marred-by-barriers-to-open-justice.htm>
- [*] I'm a volunteer teacher at a local college for young people on the autistic spectrum. One of the learners I had the immense privileged to work with inspired me to write this:-
<https://archive.org/details/atomichumanismthecasefornuclearpowerv1>